

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

PRESIDENT MADISON'S MESSAGE.

(Peace with Algiers; the Treaty with Great Britain; Treaty at Ghent; the proposal to the Indians; execution of the Act for fixing the Military Peace Establishment.)

Part Three.

Morale of the Army.
"In the performance of the executive duty upon this occasion, there has not been wanting a just sensibility to the merits of the American army during the late war; but the obvious policy and design in fixing an efficient military peace establishment, did not afford an opportunity to distinguish the aged and infirm, on account of their past services; nor the wounded, nor disabled on account of their present sufferings.

"The extent of the reduction indeed unavoidably involved the exclusion of many meritorious officers of every rank, from the service of their country; and so equally as well as the honor of the Army Register will, it is believed, do honor to the establishment, while the case of those officers, whose names are not included in it, devolves, with the strongest interest, upon the legislative authority, for such provision as shall be deemed to best calculated to give support and solace to the veteran and invalid; to display the beneficence, as well as the justice of the government; and to inspire a martial zeal for the public service upon every future emergency."

The Treasury.

"Although the embarrassments arising from the want of a uniform national currency have not been diminished since the adjournment of Congress, great satisfaction has been derived, in contemplating the revival of public credit, and the efficiency of public resources. The receipts into the treasury, from the various branches of revenue, during the nine months ending on September 30, last, have been estimated at twelve millions and a half of dollars; the issue of Treasury Notes of every denomination, during the same period, amounted to the sum of four millions of dollars; and there was also obtained upon a loan, during the same period, a sum of nine millions of dollars; of which the sum of six millions of dollars was subscribed in cash, and the sum of three millions of dollars in Treasury Notes.

"With these means, added to the sum of one million and a half of dollars being the balance of money in the Treasury on the 1st of October, on account of the appropriation of the proceeds of the amount of Treasury Notes subscribed to the loan, and the amount redeemed in the payment of taxes and duties, the aggregate sum of thirty-three millions of dollars and a half, leaving a balance then in the Treasury estimated at the sum of three millions of dollars.

"Independent, however, of the arrangements due for military service and supplies, it is presumed that a further sum of five millions of dollars, including the interest on the public debt payable on the first of January next, will be demanded at the Treasury to complete the expenditures of the present year, and for which the existing ways and means will sufficiently provide."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

FIRST CONGRESS

Of the
"New Nation"—First Session.
Senate.

Monday, Dec. 15, 1865—A petition for increase of pay of naval officers was referred. The resolution was adopted ordering the printing of 1,000 copies of the Quartermaster-General's report, and 10,000 of General Grant's report.

The Secretary of the Senate was ordered to pay to Senator Collamer's widow the amount of his pay up to the time of his death. A resolution was also passed providing for the expenditure of four dollars for the support of destitute Indians.

House.

Monday, Dec. 15, 1865—A bill was introduced by Mr. Price of Iowa, and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, providing that no state recently in rebellion should be entitled to representation, until it should adopt the amendments to the Constitution, pledging the payment of the National debt, and repudiating the Confederate debt. A bill appropriating \$25,000, or a year's salary, was voted to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

GO TO FAIRCHILD'S.

One of the most attractive places in this city is the jewelry store of Fairchild & Co. in the new block, on the corner of Main and Cannon streets. Their block is large, varied and brilliant. Few establishments can be found this side of New York, in which an equally fine display of goods is made. Go and see them. There is no place in this city where you can find a better class of articles from which to select a Christmas or New Year's present.

A SNEAK THIEF.

Last night about half-past 12 o'clock, a short stout, dark complexioned man, about 35 years of age, registering himself as "John Franklin, Connecticut," secured a room at the City Hotel, for which he paid, leaving early this morning. It was then discovered that John had taken sheets, pillow cases, towels, counterpane, and, in fact, everything he could conveniently carry away. Such a sneak thief as that deserves no place where-in to lay his head.

TRINITY CHURCH RALLY.

There was a fine rally of hands to the work of greening Trinity church on Monday and Tuesday, during the day and evening, but not quite sufficient to complete the job. Another good turnout this evening and all that is required can easily be done.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

LOCAL MILITIA NOT ACTIVE.

The local militia as a body have not taken any official action with reference to the trouble between England and Venezuela, although the message of President Cleveland in relation to the dispute has caused much discussion.

In consequence of the message of President Cleveland on the Venezuela question, the several companies of the Hibernian Rifles in this city and state have received word to prepare for action in the event of war being declared. Col. T. J. Murphy, of this city, who is head of the regiment, issued orders yesterday through Adjutant Hurley to every department officer under his command to recruit all desirable and eligible persons at once and make such other arrangements as necessary in order to the ready to act should the report of the commission when made uphold the claims that the Venezuelans make regarding British encroachments.

Capt. James Marten of Co. F. Hibernian Rifles, has been working during the younger members of the several local Hibernian divisions to join the company so that they may have the benefit of a military training which is so invaluable in the event of war. The captain has met with excellent success.

NO INCREASE IN GRAND LIST.

Because of the decision of the supreme court in the appealed case of A. N. Stanton, who appealed on the ground that his property on Main street was assessed greatly in excess of its valuation, the grand list this year will be the same as last, \$56,000,000. Had it not been for that decision which instructed the assessors to reduce the assessed valuation of Main street property 10 per cent, the list would be \$57,000,000. Clerk W. H. Hartly is now engaged in compiling the lists, which will be ready for inspection after Jan. 1, 1896.

"AL" DELANEY DEFENDS

"PRISONER" AT MOCK TRIAL.
The High School Debating society held a mock trial at its meeting today. McFarland was charged with the theft of a sweater and was defended by McGovern and Delaney. The attorneys for the prosecution were Turner and Hughes. The testimony produced by them was rather lame, while the attorneys for the accused put up a strong defense.

Judge William Devitt charged the jury and in a short time they reported they were unable to agree. They were ordered to again retire and bring in a verdict of guilty or not guilty. After deliberating for a short time they returned with a verdict of not guilty.

THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

Judge Elmer in the superior court this forenoon, announced the appointment of Attorney Goodwin, Scidmore of this city; John H. Perry, of Southport, and E. L. Seaford, of Stamford, as the grievance committee for the coming year.

THE AX AND THE CLOTHES LINE.
John Watkinson of Calhoun avenue was cut in the forehead while cutting wood in his yard this morning and received the injury in a peculiar manner. In bringing the axe down on the wood he caught it in a clothes line. The slack of the rope allowed the axe to go in front of him, and the recoil brought the axe against his forehead. The force of the blow knocked him down and made a deep cut. Surgeon Joe Brennan of the Emergency hospital stitched and dressed the wound.

THE HEAVY MAILS.

Substitute Mail Carriers T. R. Long, Frank E. Whetstein and James McCullough will assist the regular carrier in the delivery of the heavy Christmas mails now being received at the local postoffice. If the mails increase much more a number of substitute carriers will be assigned.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

The first public debate ever given by the members of the high school was held yesterday afternoon, forming an important part of the annual Christmas exercises. Mr. Simonds, and even the pupils themselves, were doubtful of the success of the affair but all doubts as to its success were later dispelled.

The subject, "Shall the United States Adhere to the Monroe Doctrine?" was a timely one, and was made more interesting by the fact that President Cleveland's message, urging the enforcement of the doctrine regarding the dispute between England and Venezuela was fresh in the people's mind.

The participants were Mr. Russell, president; Messrs. Quinn and Turner, affirmative, and Messrs. Currier and Wooster, negative. Mr. Quinn opened for the affirmative and spoke in a clear well modulated voice. He said although the Monroe doctrine was never passed by Congress, it was a principle of the American people. Mr. Currier followed, opening for the negative. He said that in the time that had elapsed since its formulation it had outlived its usefulness. He said the United States had no business to interfere with England in her dispute with Venezuela. His speech showed finish and careful study of his subject.

Mr. Turner continued for the affirmative. His principal point was that if England should gain control of Venezuela, which might be expected if the United States did not interpose, she would compel the inhabitants of that country to use her products and thus interfere with our trade. Mr. Wooster spoke in much the same manner as Currier and when he finished Mr. Turner summed up the argument for the affirmative and Currier for the negative.

The judges, Messrs. J. W. Cook, F. M. Canfield and Judge Carroll, retired and after considering the merits of the arguments decided in favor of the affirmative. The judges decided that Mr. Turner carried off the oratorical honors.

AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.

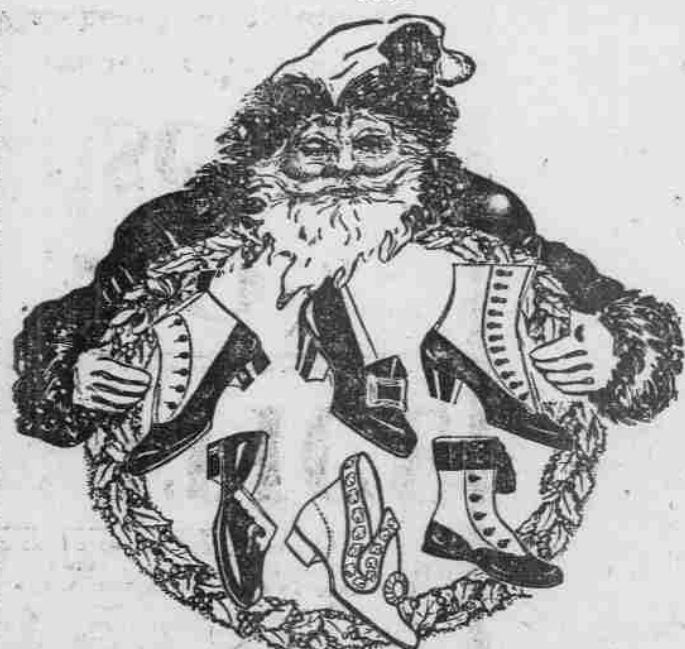
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THE HOUSE OF BETTER SHOES.

BOY OF 10 DYING FROM LIQUOR HE FINDS IN STREET

New York, Dec. 20—Picked up helplessly drunk last night at Second Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, Joseph Burke, ten years of age, No. 2409 Second Avenue is dying in the Harlem hospital and Joseph Bauer, eleven, of No. 440 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street is being held in the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street Police Station on a charge of "improper guardianship."

Burke was unconscious when Patrolman Keelty came upon him lying in the street. A minute later Keelty found Bauer in a doorway just around the corner. He was in a stupor. In the hospital Bauer talked after he had received treatment.

He said he and Burke were walking along Second Avenue when they saw a well dressed man staggering. They followed him to One Hundred and Twenty-second street, where he collapsed. The boys helped him to his feet and then noticed that a half-pint bottle of whiskey had fallen from one of his pockets.

The boys talked over the matter. Bauer said, and finally concluded to drink the whiskey. They did so. For half an hour afterward the boys staggered back and forth in the neighborhood until some one called a policeman. Before Keelty arrived, Burke had fallen, despite Bauer's efforts to keep him on his feet. Then Bauer walked around the corner and collapsed.

Edward Burke, father of the dying boy, said last night that he believed Bauer's story.

"I am sure," he added, "that my boy never took a drink of whiskey before. But I'm going to investigate, and if I find any saloonkeeper sold the whiskey to the boys I will prosecute him."

Bauer denied positively that they had bought the whiskey and stuck to his story despite long questioning.

PROF. TAFT IS ILL AT CLASSMATE'S HOME

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 20—William Howard Taft is ill here today at the home of a former Yale classmate, George W. Burton. The former president contracted a severe cold on his way here to deliver a lecture. A telegram was sent ahead for a throat specialist to meet him upon his arrival last night.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE.

Fire broke out in the 12-family building at Walter and Green streets, at 1:30 this morning. The fire originated in the cellar of a grocery store occupying the building, owned by Vincent Crisofola. The damage was slight.

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BRIDE WHO SHOT HERSELF BLAMES ACT ON HUSBAND

Stamford, Dec. 20—"I did it because I found another woman had a place in my husband's affections superior to mine."

Such was the explanation given today by Mrs. Andrew Taylor, who attempted to kill herself by shooting last Sunday afternoon at her home in the Chik Inn Tea Room at Darien. Mrs. Taylor, wife of a wealthy undertaker, is still in Stamford hospital, but is on the road to recovery and says she will sue for divorce as soon as she is able to get out.

"I know about another woman, some time before our marriage," she explained, "and I refused to marry Mr. Taylor until he promised me he would give her up. We were married in New Rochelle on Dec. 1 last, and seven days later I learned from his own lips that the other woman was still a factor in my husband's life."

"I left him and went to New York, expecting he would come after me. He did not come, so I returned to Darien. There he called on me Sunday, and after we had a long talk I became more convinced than ever that my husband did not love me, and when he made use of the word 'escapee' referring to our marriage, and made certain other proposals, I decided to end my life."

Mrs. Taylor said her father was prominent, but she declined to say where he lived or tell anything of him. Taylor admitted the marriage took place as told by Mrs. Taylor. He denied, however, that any other woman figured in the case, and said he was at a loss to know why Mrs. Taylor had sought death.

Postal Receipts for Year Will Pass Much Over \$500,000 Mark

Postal receipts at the local post office for the quarter beginning Oct. 1 already have totaled \$102,957.09 and there is every indication with the two very busy holiday weeks yet to complete the period, the \$125,000 mark will be passed. This indicates that the receipts for the year will surpass the \$500,000 mark. The receipts for the fiscal year year concluded on March 31, were \$369,000, which was a normal total.

SAYS GREENWICH ESTATE WAS INJURED BY NEW YORK FIRM

Declaring that his handsome estate in Greenwich was damaged by the dumping thereon by large quantities of stone and refuse, Frank Doll of that city has brought suit against the Lincoln-Steele-Fleming Co. of New York for \$1,750. Doll also claims employees of the defendants broke window lights and tore down part of an iron fence. The suit is returnable to the superior court.

Cellars in textile mills at Manayunk, Pa., were flooded by the Schuylkill River which rose 12 feet in 24 hours.

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